

October 1, 2006

To: All veterans living in Arizona

From: Tom Heaney, Chairman of the Veterans Committee for the Arizona Memorial Fund Raising.

Subj: The Shore Side Facility at Pearl Harbor for the USS Arizona Memorial.

Over the past couple of years the current structure has started to sink into Pearl Harbor. The Pacific War Memorial Committee decided that since the size of the current facility is woefully inadequate, they decided to build a new structure. It was built too small to handle the estimated crowd of visitors in the past, there were 2000 to 2500 visitors a day that would visit the USS Arizona. These figures were estimated on their experience at the time of construction. Today, it is not unusual to exceed 5000 visitors, most, who have had to stand out in the hot sun or a rain squall

The new structure will accommodate the flow of people, that starts before the facility opens until the last boat runs. The Arizona Memorial as we know it today is in the top three of the most visited memorials in the United States. The projected cost is 35M. With ground breaking in 2007 and opening on Dec7, 2009.

In October of 2005 Governor Napolitano visited the Arizona Memorial and after personally experiencing the problems being faced, committed to donate 3M from the citizens of Arizona by donation. This may sound like a large sum of money but there are 600,000 veterans living in the State and if each one donated \$5.00 we could raise the 3M overnight.

Any Veteran's organization or individual veteran who donates \$500.00 more will receive a 9 inch commemorative, collectors item, plate of the USS Arizona, titled "Last Cruise". The plate is numbered on the back and with only a specific number to be produced this will be a valuable plate in the future, not only emotionally but also cash value.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE UNDER US CODE 501-3c.

Please mail your checks to:

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The check should be made out to: PEARL HARBOR MEMORIAL FUND

